

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF
THE ALLIANCE OF NONPROFIT MAILERS
(ANM/USPS-1-2)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers: ANM/USPS-1-2, filed on March 23, 2000.


Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF
MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA, INC.**

ANM/USPS-1. Please refer to the first sentence of the Postal Service's answer to ANM/USPS-T2-18. Does the Postal Service plan to spend any money, whether categorized in its budget as R&D or something else, on developing new systems to track and develop mail processing costs in the approaching automation environment? If so, please state the expected amounts by year.

RESPONSE.

The Postal Service is spending approximately \$ 1.5 – 2.0 million per year developing an activity-based costing system to track mail processing costs for local cost management. At this time, it is unclear how or if the data from this system will be used in the regulatory pricing framework.

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ANM/USPS-1 [sic]. Please refer to the second sentence of the Postal Service's answer to ANM/USPS-T2-18. Please state, in dollar amounts, the Postal Service's current level of funding for "maintaining and improving our data systems."

RESPONSE.

The Postal Service currently spends approximately \$90 million per year to collect ratemaking data and maintain and improve the ratemaking data systems.